GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROPERTY OF REVENUE OFFICIALS
DUKHA BHAGAT;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government keeps a watch on the officers of income tax, custom duty and excise duty who possess more properties than their known sources of income;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases of reported corruption and tax-evasion registered against these officers during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the number of persons one of the above found guilty; and

(e) the number out of the above punished for their offence?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Searches are conducted and cases registered by the CBI.

(c): CBI has registered 24 cases in respect of Group `A` and `B` officers of Income Tax during the last 3 years as under:

Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002 (upto 31.10.2002)
Cases	2	14	8

CBI has registered 21 cases in respect of Group `A`, `B` and `C` officers/officials of Customs and Central Excise during the last 3 years as under:

Year	2000	2001	2002 (upto 31.3.2002)
Cases	8	9	4

(d) & (e): In so far as officers of Income Tax are concerned, final report has been received from CBI only in one case whereno case of disproportionate assets has been established. As regards the officers/officials of Customs and CentralExcise are concerned, two cases are pending trial, one case has been closed on account of death of accused, prosecution has been sanctioned in one case and in one case the officer is facing Regular Departmental Action for major penalty. The remaining cases are under investigation by the CBI.